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Sen. Ernie Chambers discussed the differences between himself and Martin Luther King Jr. at UNMC on Jan. 15th.

## Chambers speaks about King

Melissa Kucirek

Nebraska state Sen. Ernie Chambers put his view on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King into perspective at the UNMC Martin Luther King Day Program, held Jan. 15.

He addressed a variety of issues in his presentation to the standing-room only crowd at Clarkson Hospital's Storz Pavilion, giving his opinion on several issues of race and the controversial topic of fetal cell research.

Following a brief introduction by UNMC Chancellor Harold Maurer, Walter Brooks, vice-chair of Employee Diversity Network, questioned the audience.

"What happened to Dr. Martin Luther King that he became the enemy of the state?" Brooks asked. "Why didn't he even make the top 10 of a 1967 Gallup poll of most admired Americans?"

Sen. Chambers then took to the podium and addressed the differences between himself and King.

"There are some people aware that Martin Luther King's philosophy is not the same as mine," Chambers said. "He believed that when others were violent, we should suffer in silence because unmerited suffering is redemptive. That doesn't even compute with me."

Chambers added that audience members who thought he acted harshly

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## Carhart sues UNMC

Erin Joy  
Melissa Kucirek

Dr. LeRoy Carhart filed a suit against the University of Nebraska Medical Center Jan. 17, saying it unlawfully terminated him from his volunteer faculty position following his challenge of the state's partial-birth abortion ban last year.

He named University of Nebraska President L. Dennis Smith, Executive Vice President/Provost Lee Jones, UNMC Chancellor Harold Maurer and Dean of the College of Medicine Dr. James Armitage as co-defendants.

Carhart, an abortion provider who supplied UNMC with fetal tissue for research, said the termination violates his right to free speech and his patients' right to privacy.

He is seeking an injunctive order to restore his position, as well as punitive damages and monetary compensation in an undisclosed amount.

His suit alleges his testimony in the Supreme Court case *Stenberg vs. Carhart* (in which the Supreme Court ruled the "partial-

birth" abortion ban unconstitutional in a 5-4 decision) and resulting pressure from anti-abortion groups such as Metro Right to Life caused UNMC to unfairly dismiss him from his appointment.

"I believe that the University Medical Center fired me in retaliation for successfully challenging Nebraska's abortion ban all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court," Carhart said in a press release. "The unrelenting pressure from anti-choice activists and the Nebraska Republican Party makes it clear that my termination was a political act."

NU Vice President/General Counsel Richard Wood said Carhart was merely one of 180 volunteer faculty members to have their positions terminated because of policy revisions affecting them.

"The university denies that there is any retaliation," Wood said. "From a time standpoint we realize that there were other issues going on. Those matters were not the motivating factors."

The suit claims Carhart's termination

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## Mavs reign on the basketball court

Cory Carlson

UNO got a confidence booster defeating non-conference foe Wayne State 89-76 in men's basketball at the Sapp Fieldhouse Tuesday in front of 600 fans.

Junior forward Eddie King put an exclamation point on his strong play with a career-high 30-point outburst to help break UNO's seven-game futility streak.

Sophomore Seth Nelson also came up big with 17 points and 12 rebounds for his first career double-double.

It was a well-played game on both sides. Wayne State turned the ball over seven times, while UNO lost the ball a season-low six times.

The Mavs shot 65.5 percent from the floor in the second half and 54.7 for the game to pull away from the Wildcats.

There were 20 lead changes in the game,

but UNO dominated inside with a 54-32 advantage on points in the paint.

"Not only did Eddie have 30 at the offensive end, he did a fantastic job on the 'heart and soul' of their team, Brad Jones," Head Coach Lehman said on Kevin Kugler's post-game show.

Jones, the Wildcats' floor leader, was held to 5-19 shooting and just 11 points in 40 minutes of play.

WSU got a lift from guard Kevin Lingenfelter who drained 25 points, including 4-10 from three-point land.

The Mavs improved to 6-9 overall, but remain 0-7 in the North Central Conference. UNO travels to Brookings on Friday to face NCC-fourth place South Dakota State. Sioux Falls is the destination Saturday where Augustana lays in wait just above the Mavs in ninth place in the NCC.

## Nebraska Indian Community College expands to downtown Omaha

Melissa Kucirek

UNO will no longer house Omaha's only Native American studies program.

The Nebraska Indian Community College opened a new downtown facility on 24th and St. Mary's Avenue. NICC presently has three other locations in Macy, Neb.; Santee, Neb.; and Sioux City, Iowa.

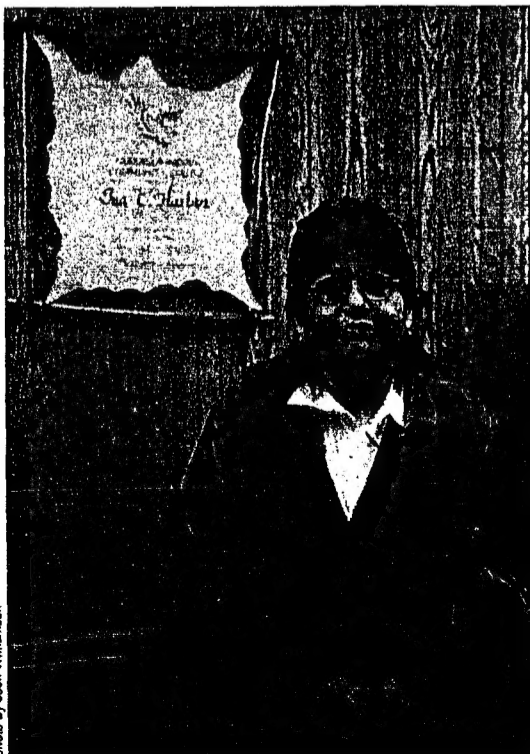
Registration at the Omaha branch began Jan. 16.

UNO Native American Studies Director Carolyn Fiscus says NICC hasn't contacted UNO with faculty or program inquiries, but she hopes for future involvement.

"I heard about the expansion late semester from the community," Fiscus said. "As of now, I haven't been contacted by them. I'd like to see them reach out to other institutions. UNO is willing to help and provide assistance to students that want to go on to a four-year degree."

The NICC began in 1973 as the American Indian Satellite Community College, under a grant from the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education. In August of 1986, the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education

Dr. Ina Caramony, site coordinator for the NICC Omaha campus, shows the school's unique diplomas. In addition to traditional paper documents, each graduate receives a tanned and printed animal hide diploma for display.



of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools approved the college accreditation at the associate degree-granting level.

Three degrees are available at NICC: Associate of Arts, Associate of Science and Associate of Applied Science. In addition, curricula focusing on technical training is taught.

NICC, which is the second-oldest tribal college in the nation, will offer accreditation in Native American history and composition. A five-week course in computer instruction will be available for non-credit certification. Developmental courses in keyboarding, mathematics and writing are also slated for instruction.

Accredited three-hour courses are \$65 per credit. Non-credit courses are \$45 each.

"We are limited because every time NICC opens another branch, the NCA has to give approval," NICC Public Relations Director Ralph Swain said. "The NCA is not visiting until February. By mid-April they should give a report."

Swain continued that once the site has been inspected, by summer a full program facility will be enacted.

"Our primary goal is to serve another part of Northeast Nebraska that is under-served," Swain said.

Adult basic education and GED courses will be available. This, Swain says, is not to take away from work needed among Native American high school students.

# Accident ends on-ice promotions

Brian Brashaw

Although the Mavericks were down 2-1 at the second intermission of Saturday's hockey game, something much worse happened.

During intermission, Omahan Tony Barrata was tossing promotional pucks into the crowd. Barrata slipped on the wet ice and fell, cracking his head. The impact gave Barrata a concussion and produced a cut that required 13 stitches to close.

This is the second incident that has occurred during an on-ice promotion in a month. A month ago, Pat Geary slipped while throwing pucks, also suffering a mild concussion.

Last Saturday's accident left blood on

the ice and delayed the start of the second period for 20 minutes. Baratta lost consciousness for about 90 seconds and had to be removed from the ice on a stretcher.

After the second incident, UNO Athletic Director Bob Danenhauer has decided to end all on-ice promotions.

Promotions will still go on but not from the ice surface. The main problem Saturday was that the zamboni had already started to clean the ice, making it that much more slick. Footing is dangerous under those circumstances.

City Public Events Manager Stan Benis said that once the zamboni is on the ice, no one else will be allowed on.

Baratta was treated and released from St. Joseph's Hospital.

# Weight room receives positive response

Samantha Harvey

Since its August 2000 opening, the new weight room in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation building has had positive feedback.

"The numbers are showing that people are using it," Director of Campus Recreation Joe Kaminski said. "I'm real pleased about that."

Kaminski added that the weight room opened with only four days left in August and 1,000 people used it during that time. 5,600 visited the weight room during September and 4,600 in October.

Included in the weight room are selectorized, plate-loaded and free weights. A variety of cardiovascular machines are also available.

"It has a good selection," junior Mike Jaros said.

After removing four racquetball courts, the weight room was built in order to accommodate student needs.

"This equipment newer, it's free and more convenient," junior Trina Webusch said in comparing

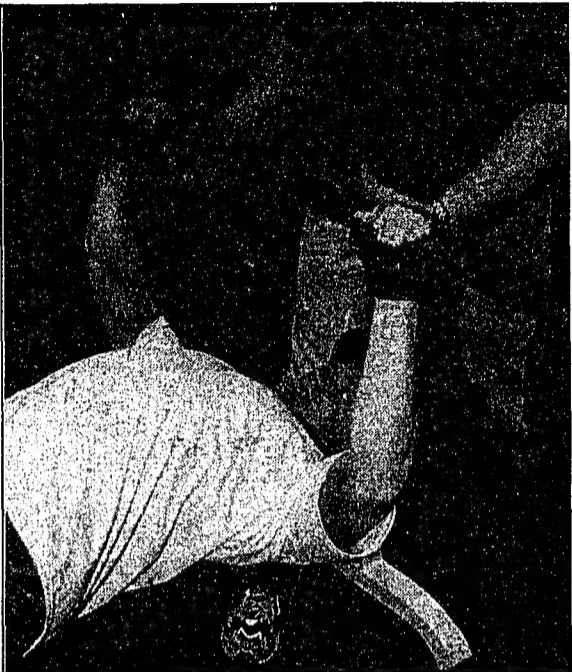


photo by Josh Williamson

Brian Wells and spotter Jeff Barry say they both visit the new weight room at least five times a week.

the UNO weight room to private gyms.

Staff trained in first aid, CPR and the use of the equipment are on hand for users. In addition, the weight room has two 27" TVs, a stereo system and stretching machines.

The new weight room is

unlike the old one in that it is not used for classes.

During the school year, the weight room's hours are Monday through Thursday 6:30 a.m. to 10:45 p.m., Fridays 6:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m., Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. and Sundays noon to 9:45 p.m.

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toward King should put themselves in the position of being treated poorly while eating in a restaurant. Chambers described an image of having a racist put out a cigarette in your hair or pouring hot coffee on you.

"Too many of us as black people will let white people get the impression that the weak image they have of Martin Luther King is what we're about," Chambers said.

A second image Chambers conveyed to the audience was that of mobs of white Christians attacking a single black person. Chambers called the groups "cowards."

"They are always cowards," Chambers said. "To get one black man they always take a mob — always. It was that way then; it is that way now."

Chambers spoke about his belief that many problems still exist within the university system itself.

"There are problems I find where there are white people in charge, and especially the ones they are in charge of are people of my complexion," Chambers said.

"We have black men and women who literally risk their lives to tell the truth about our situation," Chambers said. "And

stand up to these racists — whether they are in the governor's mansion, sitting in the White House, behind a judicial bench, the chancellor of a university or medical center, the speaker of the Legislature or wherever they happen to be found."

Asking members of the crowd if they thought King would have been elected president of the United States at the height of his popularity, Chambers responded with his belief that King appeased white Americans.

"No, no he was a token...he was a take-on," Chambers said. "As long as he was saying what white people wanted to hear."

He asked the audience to not judge the black community off of a few who choose to use derogatory terms.

"And you white people, if you have any black people using the n-word — slap them," Chambers said. "And tell them Senator Chambers told you to do it."

Continuing studies senior Elizabeth Metzger appreciated the senator's honesty and openness on the issues he presented.

"Even if I don't agree with him," Metzger said. "It's nice to hear different sides of an issue and not just praising an icon of history. History shouldn't be one-sided."

## from NICC, page 1

"There is a very high drop out rate among Native American high school students," Swain said. "We allow them to get a GED and feed them back into the college environment. We are a college. If work needs to be done in the high schools, then the need falls in the agencies in that realm."

The new Omaha expansion will combine the services with Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition, located in Lincoln. Counseling and meal programs will be among the services offered at the site.

"As far as we know, this will be the first

in the nation to have a full-service facility for Native American people," Swain said.

NICC's Sioux City location opened in August and has already overgrown its walls. Plans have been made to develop a facility in South Sioux City, Neb.

"South Sioux has a diverse minority population," Swain said.

Swain stresses that anyone can attend NICC, not just Native Americans. He hopes that the Hispanic and Southeast Asian populations will also feel comfortable.

"There is a cultural issue that many Native Americans feel more comfortable attending a tribal college," Swain said. "But, really we are open to everyone."

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## Correction

In the Jan. 16 issue of the Gateway, Maverick wrestler Ricky Frausto's matchup with South Dakota State University's Chris Dozark was incorrectly reported as a loss. Frausto defeated him 9-4 and was also named NCC Wrestler of the Week. The Gateway regrets its error.

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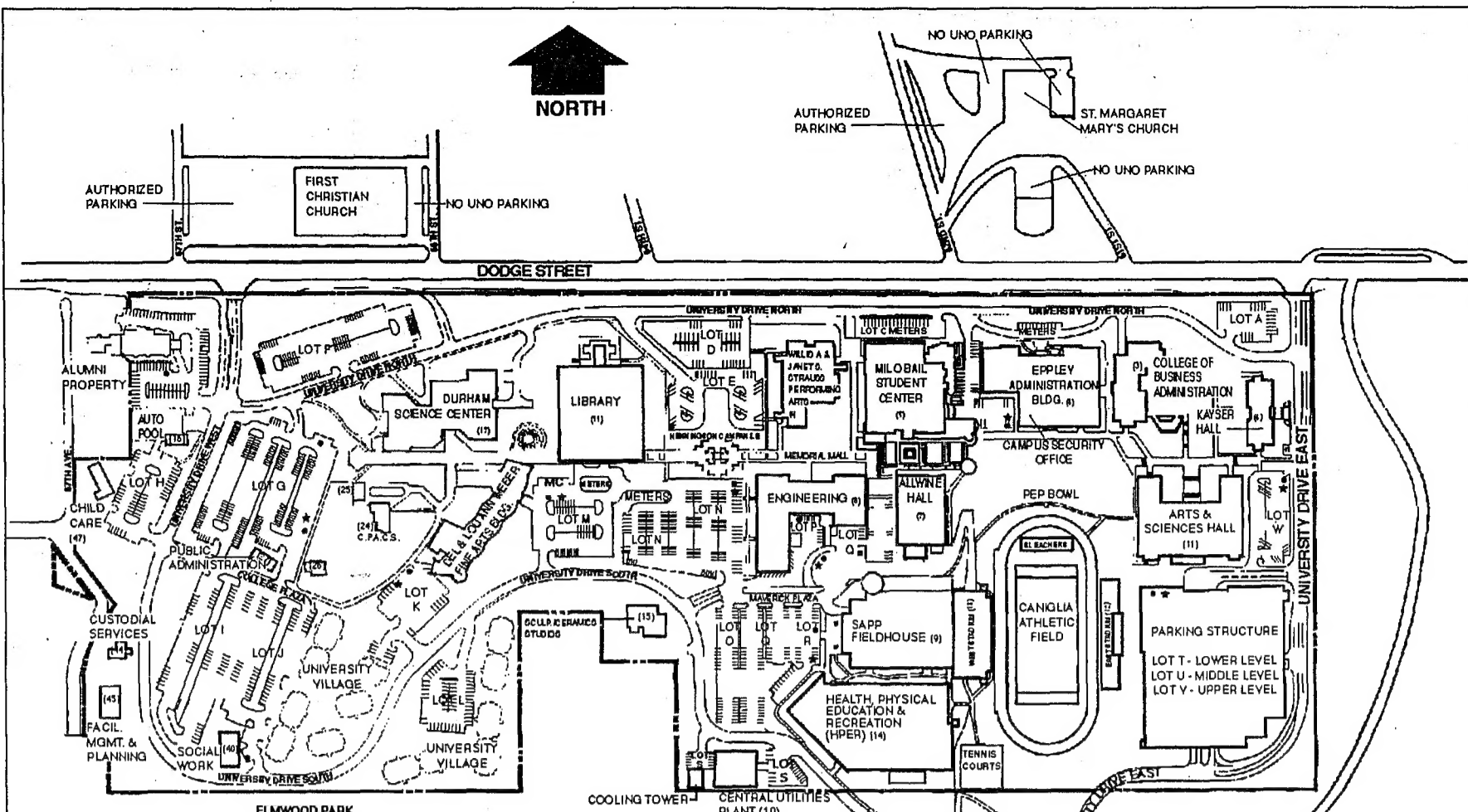
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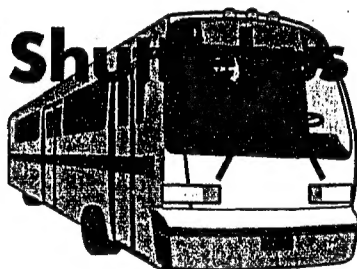


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# opinions&editorials

## The case against John Ashcroft

Ryan McGrane

President-elect Bush very well might have selected a cabinet that looks a lot like America, but he couldn't have picked a cabinet that thinks less like America. It is difficult to prove our president-elect's attorney-designate John Ashcroft is a racist as some are charging. However, he is blatantly an extreme right-wing fanatic whose ideas are far removed from the mainstream and in conflict with our nation's current laws.

Those conflicting laws are laws he would have to enforce as the United States Attorney General, if confirmed by the Senate.

As the Religious Right's most recent golden boy, Ashcroft's terms as attorney general and governor of Missouri and then U.S. Senator richly illuminate his record and views. Any American who appreciates and supports the First Amendment should be rallying against Ashcroft. As attorney general he is likely the greatest threat to First Amendment freedoms in the country. As his record shows, separation of church and state would be under fierce attack by a Justice Department headed by Ashcroft.

He has supported a constitutional amendment that would effectively allow public schools to subjugate students to captive audience prayer. As a supporter of school vouchers, he would divert tax dollars from public schools to private schools. He supports a program of "charitable choice" that would take social programs and tax money out of the federal government and hand them to churches and social institutions that would not be subject to federal anti-discriminatory laws or taxpayer accountability.

Ashcroft is a supporter of limits on free speech on the Internet. He is also a supporter of a constitutional ban on flag burning as a form of political protest. He even went so far as to say in a Chicago Tribune interview, "They say you can't legislate morality. Well, you certainly can."

Unfortunately Ashcroft's extreme views concerning freedom of speech and expression are only the beginning of his radical stances. His stances on homosexuality and civil rights

are lined with bigotry. He has, along with our esteemed Senate majority leader, expressed his belief that homosexuality is a sin. Along with the ever-compassionate Sen. Helms, he voted to eliminate federal funding to local gay community health centers which provide care to adults and children with HIV/AIDS, not just homosexuals.

He voted against the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. He opposed school desegregation as ordered by federal courts in Missouri. Ashcroft complimented the Confederate army, defenders of slavery, calling them "patriots."

Additionally, he has supported overturning Miranda rights that inform an arrested person of the rights to remain silent and have an attorney.

Ashcroft's views on gun control are equally (if not more) byzantine. He opposes the federal assault weapons ban, was one of the National Rifle Association's most reliable senators and supported an NRA-backed initiative that would allow virtually anyone to carry a concealed weapon in Missouri.

Perhaps his most passionate issue is abortion. Ashcroft is vehemently against abortions even in the case of rape or incest. He attempted to deny federal employee health care plans from paying for types of birth control, including the pill. There is no conceivable possibility Ashcroft could enforce laws as attorney general in regard to abortion rights.

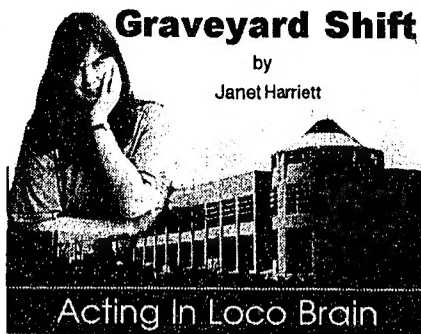
The litany of Ashcroft's exceptional views extends far beyond these to environmental issues, easier constitutional amendment and weakened judiciary.

The important question to ask is this: Will John Ashcroft's personal dogma dictate the Justice Department and its ability to enforce the law under his leadership? The answer is yes. He is an extremist who will reek havoc as attorney general because he will be incapable of enforcing laws he does not believe in and opposes because of deep-seeded personal beliefs. Sadly, he will eventually be confirmed.

A cabinet that looks like America? Yes, but that's about all.

## Graveyard Shift

by  
Janet Harriett



### Acting In Loco Brain

A ripple through the news media last week told of a Syracuse University student who is suing the institution for failing to prevent her from attempting suicide by jumping from an eighth-floor window.

While colleges should do everything in their power to protect us from harm by others, colleges should not be required to protect us from ourselves and the choices we make. Attempting suicide is a choice, unfortunate though it may be that any among us choose it.

Like it or not, college students are adults. Adults bear the responsibility for their mental health and physical well-being. We are in charge of seeking out help from professionals or friends if we feel suicidal despair. Adults are responsible for the consequences of decisions they make.

When 18-year-olds move away from their parents and into an apartment, parents are no longer responsible for them. The 18-year-olds are embarking on their adult life. Yet the rules change when those 18-year-olds move into a residence hall. Suddenly, someone still needs to be responsible for them and their actions. The debate about colleges acting in loco parentis — in the place of parents — has been raging as long as students have been heading to college straight from high school.

If college students and college parents want the institutions to be accountable for their students' choices and actions, students should be ready for a few changes. One cannot expect universities to answer for us without having some control over our lives, just as parents cannot be

expected to be responsible for their children when they do not have any authority over them.

Some reasonable precautions for colleges and universities might include:

Enforced dry campuses. Alcohol is a depressant that can be lethal in sufficient doses and is easily obtained at the grocery store. Colleges would be justified in working to keep all alcohol out of our hands through unannounced residence hall searches and confiscation of all alcohol-containing substances from beverages to cough syrups and mouthwash. They would also be justified in punishing those of us who go off campus to become intoxicated. After all, parents must answer for their child's actions whether he was at home or not.

Tobacco-free campuses. If colleges can be blamed for our drinking, they can possibly be blamed for allowing us to smoke or chew and endangering our health.

Zero-tolerance policies regarding potentially lethal objects. This includes the knives many of us keep in residence halls for cutting food, sharp scissors and glass objects which could be broken and used to harm ourselves.

Lockdowns on all medications. To prevent anyone from overdosing, colleges might require anyone taking medication to obtain it one dose at a time from the nurse's office.

Barring all windows. Bars on the ground-floor windows would keep out intruders, while bars on upper-story windows would prevent suicide attempts. The prison like atmosphere would be an unfortunate side effect.

Mandatory mental health examinations. Periodic rigorous examinations might catch those among us with depression or another mental conditions which could lead us to harm ourselves or others.

As college students and adults, we should be prepared to choose between personal accountability and losing the freedoms that come with adulthood.



## Capel Cottage Revue

by  
David Johnson

### Cruisin' The News

Fireside book "Useless Sexual Trivia," says his survey showed 34 percent of men admit to telling lies to get a girl into bed. The most used lies are, "I love you," "There's hardly any vodka in that" and "I've just realized how beautiful you really are."

I am happy to say I am one of the other 66 percent who said we have never lied to get a girl into bed. Of course, our group all lied on the survey.

#### • Bikini Bond

Ursula Andress, who played Honeychile Rider in the James Bond movie "Dr. No," is auctioning off the bikini she designed and wore in the movie. The white 1962 two-piece is expected to fetch close to \$75,000 when it goes on the block Feb. 14. The silver Aston Martin DB5, used by Pierce Brosnan in the movie "GoldenEye," is also for sale. Christie's of London is putting the auto up for bid next month. Expected price: \$225,000.

Ursula Andress in a bikini? I'd prefer nothing better.

#### • What Else Is There To Do In Legoland?

A study conducted by the European Economic and Social Research Council show those secondary school students who enjoy school the most come from Denmark. Close to 70 percent of Danish children questioned said they enjoyed school and held great admiration for their teachers.

How can we import some of those kids?

#### • Tubby Bye-Bye

Telletubbies Laa Laa, Dipsy, Po and Tinky Winky are getting the old heave-ho

#### • Not Your Garden Variety Bag Of Chips

Virgil Howe walked to his local corner store Jan. 10 and purchased a bag of 3D Doritos. He opened it to find an eight-inch, deep-fried snake stuck to three of corn chips. "You could make out its flat head and tail," Howe said.

That crunch you hear is the backbone.

#### • More From "Women Are From Venus, Men Are Basically Pigs"

Shane Mooney, author of the

as television's contract with Ragdoll Productions ends in October and no plans exist to continue a new series. The \$1.5 million Teletubbyland set will be dismantled and TV execs plan to use reruns to keep pre-schoolers Teletubby-happy.

Laa Laa, Laa Laa, hey hey, goodbye!

#### • Robin No Longer In The Hood

Hoping to collect unpaid sales taxes, Britain's Official Receiver has descended upon Sherwood Forest's World of Robin Hood theme park. If the park cannot come up with the back tax loot, Robin and his band of Merry Men could face eviction.

The answer is simple: steal from the rich, give to the government.

#### • You Are What You See

A new study shows children are affected by what they watch on television. Those kids who watched violent TV shows and played violent video games were much more inclined to exhibit aggressive behavior than those kids who didn't watch violent shows.

You are affected by what you watch. I grew up on The Beverly Hillbillies and Gilligan's Island. See how I turned out?



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## Restaurant review

## The French Cafe

review by Nicole Williamson

I was treated to dinner at the French Café, 1017 Howard St., by my fiancée for our third anniversary. I was somewhat apprehensive, being a fan of the TV show "Iron Chef" on Food TV. I have seen some funky dishes served up on that show. Luckily nothing had the appearance of funkiness when it was served.

Our reservation was for a Wednesday evening. We were greeted immediately upon entrance. We were seated in the front room, across from the bar. The décor and the fact that the room only sat 16 people impressed me. It was much cozier than the main dining room.

Our waitress, Melissa, was a friend of mine from junior high. Her presence made the experience a bit less intimidating. She was knowledgeable and professional. She kept our water glasses filled.

Menu offerings included the French Café's famous pepper steak, veal, duck, lobster, a half chicken and Chateaubriand. First, we each ordered a glass of merlot to accompany our dinner, then chose the Chateaubriand for two and the Caesar salad for two.

Both items were prepared table side. Melissa made the dressing for the salad from scratch. I was a bit worried by the use of anchovies and raw egg yolk, but the salad was wonderful.

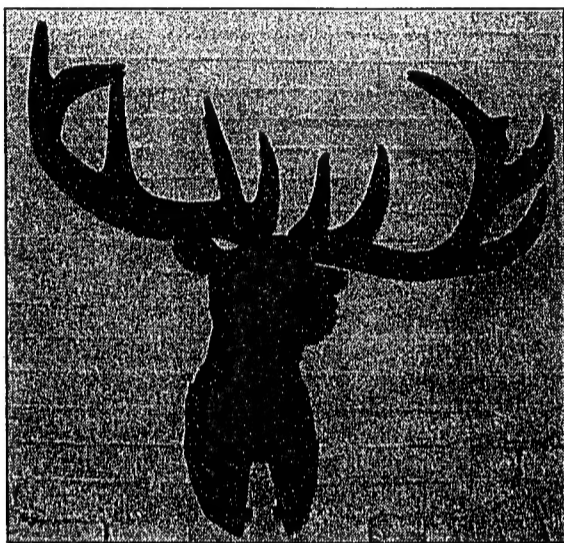
The complementary bread served to us was a perfect palate cleanser.

The Chateaubriand consisted of a large cut of steak with sauce béarnaise, a roasted tomato stuffed with a puree of spinach and goat cheese, a pickled beet salad and a portabello mushroom casserole.

The meat was served quite rare, but we survived. The pickled beets were

almost too sour. The tomato had a good texture, but the combination of the goat cheese and the tomato was also too acidic. The mushroom concoction was good.

We ordered coffee after dinner. I chose the French Café Cappuccino — a mix of brandy, Kahlua and cappuccino. We also shared a piece of coffee liqueur-soaked white chocolate cake. The cake itself was



The room we were seated in had character, as well as this deer-head sculpture.

almost soggy, but the hardness of the topping made it interesting.

My overall experience at the restaurant was mixed. I wish I had tried the pepper steak; perhaps I can on my sixth anniversary. I wouldn't say I didn't like The French Café, I just wasn't excited about my particular meal.

The bill for the evening consisted of salad, dinner, two glasses of wine, two coffees, and a slice of cake. The grand total came to \$113, that's without tip.

We were not aware of the weekly fixed price menu when we arrived, but we are now. Each fixed price dinner consists of soup, salad, an entrée and a desert for around \$22. That's a bargain compared to our meal.

Visit the restaurant's Web site at FrenchCafe.com to view the menu and print coupons.

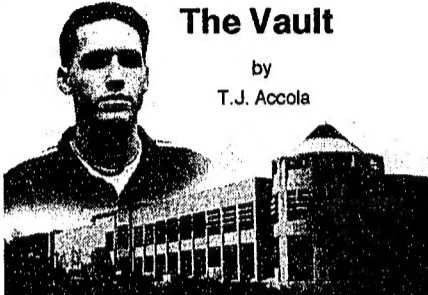
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## Your guide to buying a DVD player

part two

### The Vault

by  
T.J. Accola



Last week, we told you just how much you're going to have to spend to get that DVD player you've always wanted, and after that, you may be asking yourself, do I really even want a DVD player after all? Yes, they can be quite expensive (particularly if you're going to buy a respectable model). But that hard-earned money isn't going to waste. Here's why:

### Step Two: Features

When it comes to DVD player features, there are a number of must-haves. First and foremost is a digital decoder. The presence of a decoder, either in your stereo receiver or the DVD player itself, will allow you to view DVDs in 5.1 surround sound. The gist of 5.1 is this: sound is sent to five individual speakers and one low-frequency unit. The sound is discrete, meaning different sounds can be coming out of each speaker at the same time. The low-frequency unit is just fancy talk for a sub-woofer, which will emit the heavier bass signal. This array of six individual speakers is what makes it sound like bullets really are

whizzing by your head in the opening scenes of "Saving Private Ryan." The same basic setup is used by most movie theaters (although theaters usually have four or five pairs of surround speakers, so that not just the people in back hear them). Most films released within the past decade have Dolby Digital 5.1 surround sound, although a few older ones have been deemed important enough to specifically remix in 5.1 (like "The Exorcist" and "North by Northwest"). Another popular format is DTS 5.1 surround sound, which is slightly more dynamic than Dolby Digital, but only audiophiles can usually tell the difference. Only DVDs with a DTS mix can play in DTS sound (duh!), so unless you simply must have it, DTS is not worth it.

The most important thing to remember about digital decoders is that you only need to have one in either the receiver or the DVD player, although it is okay to have it in both. If you already have a receiver with a digital decoder, buying a DVD player without a decoder can save you up to \$200. If you need to know whether or not your receiver already has a digital decoder in it, just look at the front panel. If it has the Dolby Digital symbol with something like "ready" or "compatible" written beneath it, that means that you will need a DVD player with a decoding chip. If you only see the Dolby Digital or DTS symbol, with nothing written beneath it, that likely means the receiver already has a decoder built in. If you don't see the Dolby Digital symbol at all, that

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was a political move on the university's part because of the controversy surrounding fetal tissue research in the NU system and Carhart's involvement in supplying the tissue.

The Nebraska Republican Party passed a resolution in July encouraging the Board of Regents to remove Carhart from his faculty appointment. Metro Right to Life filed a petition demanding Carhart's termination to the Board of Regents in September.

"We were definitely part of the decision by the university," said Bob Blank of Metro Right to Life.

Blank believes Carhart's original appointment was "indefensible" by UNMC and defends the university for finally dismissing him.

"I think that the university has the right to dismiss him," Blank said. "Being a volunteer faculty member is an honor, not a right or privilege.

Just a week after the Metro Right to Life petition was submitted, Carhart received a letter advising him his position would be terminated.

Wood said the notices to other affected volunteer faculty members were sent at the same time as Carhart's, and Carhart could have appealed the decision or applied for another position but

didn't. One of the reasons the university cites for Carhart's termination was his appointment to the department of pathology and microbiology did not fit his specialty.

Jerry Hug, one of Carhart's Omaha-based attorneys, said reapplication should not have been necessary.

"Our position is they certainly could have assigned him to the department he belonged in instead of just terminating him," Hug said.

The Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, which represented Carhart in the Supreme Court case, is also representing him in his suit against UNMC.

The CRLP said it has a key piece of evidence showing the Board of Regents sent Carhart a "hypothetical news release" in August announcing he had "voluntarily resigned" from his position because of pressure from the right-to-life community.

"I don't even know who did that," Wood said about the alleged release. "It's not even coming from UNMC or the Board of Regents. I don't know who did that. I've seen it, but I can't comment on it."

Carhart did not resign, and the release was not sent to the media.

The case will be heard in Lincoln Feb. 13-15.

## The Cheap and the Choice

by Rae Licari

### Friday, Jan. 19

"Laser Majic" Mallory Kountze Planetarium, Durham Science Center. Friday and Saturday nights find the planetarium transformed with intense laser light shows set to some of the hippest music around. Showing throughout the month of January at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. are productions of Pink Floyd's "The Wall." Tickets are \$5 for adults and children. For more information, call the physics hotline at 554-3722 or check out the Web site at [www.physics.unomaha.edu](http://www.physics.unomaha.edu).

"Requiem for a Dream" Mary Reipma Ross Theater, 12th and R St., Lincoln. Darren Aronofsky's follow-up to "Pi" will be hitting the theater this weekend and next. The film stars Ellen Burstyn, Jared Leto, Jennifer Connelly and Marlon Wayans and deals with four people refusing to let go of their dreams. Showtimes are at 7 and 9 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, at 1, 3:15, 7 and 9:15 p.m. Saturdays, and at 2:30, 4:45, 7 and 9:15 p.m. Sundays. There is no show on Sat., Jan. 27. Admission is \$6.50 for adults and \$4.50 for students, senior citizens, kids and friends of the theater. Call the theater at (402) 472-5353 for more information.

"Tartuffe" Blue Barn Theater, 614 S. 11th St. The Blue Barn Theater brings one of Moliere's best and most controversial comedies to life starting this weekend and

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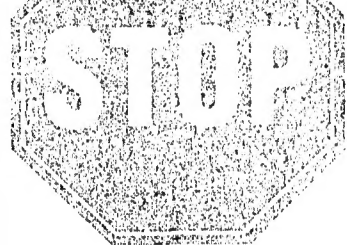
### Saturday, Jan. 20

"Danielle de Niese" Strauss Performing Arts Center. Critically acclaimed soprano Danielle de Niese, the youngest artist to enter the Metropolitan Opera's studio, will perform tonight as the latest installment of this year's Ecoutez! series. The performance begins at 7:30. Tickets are \$15, but students are admitted free with identification. Phone reservations are recommended. Call 554-3427 to order or 554-3062 for more information.

### Sunday, Jan. 21

"AIDS Rock 2001" Music Box, 7777 Cass St. Several talented local musicians will be performing at this benefit concert for the Nebraska AIDS Project. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m. 3 Day Meat Sale, Five Story Fall and Musico are all scheduled to appear. A silent auction will follow the musical performances which will feature items from Quiet Riot, former KISS drummer Eric Singer and former KISS guitarist Bruce Kulick. Tickets are \$10 beforehand and at the door. Call the Music Box at 391-7773.

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means your receiver is either really, really old or really, really cheap. In either case, you need to run to the nearest electronics store and buy a new one before you even begin to think about purchasing a DVD player.

Other than surround sound, there is really only one other major feature worth mentioning, and that is video format. There are three common ways of outputting the video signal from a DVD player to a television: composite (or RCA), S-video and component. Composite is the most basic, and you will probably recognize it as the little yellow hole next to the red and white ones (which receive audio signals). You might already have a video game console or a VCR connected to your TV via composite cables. S-video is quite a bit better than composite, as the picture appears a bit sharper and the colors more brilliant. S-video inputs can usually only be found on televisions that are 27" or larger. Even rarer than S-video is component video, which is actually three signals combined. Component video is slightly better than S-video, but the jump in quality is not as evident as that between composite and S-video. Component video is best suited for very large and expensive televisions, so it isn't something you should worry about having on your DVD player. Composite is available on every DVD player on the market, and only a small number of units don't have S-video.

Any other features that a DVD player's box might hype are just that — hype. More than likely, you will neither need nor want something like Virtual 3D Sound(r) — a feature on my own DVD player that I still don't understand the significance of.

The two features we just mentioned might not seem like such a big deal, but that couldn't

be further from the truth. Let's compare: with VHS, you can really only listen in stereo mode, which provides only two discrete signals (unless you have one of those overpriced, overrated Bose systems); with DVD, you get six separate channels of sound in most cases (seven if you have a receiver with a new 6.1 digital decoder and a DVD that has a 6.1 mix—like "Gladiator" or "Fight Club"). Never underestimate the power of surround sound, for it will radically improve your movie-watching experience.

If that doesn't sway you, perhaps the fact that DVD is far superior in terms of video will. VHS (and normal television) has just over 200 lines of resolution. DVD has 525, so you really get a picture that is twice as good as a VHS tape.

Another plus to DVD is the fact that discs can be viewed thousands upon thousands of times without degenerating whatsoever. I can't tell you how upset I was when I had to buy a second copy of "The Adventures of a Gnome Named Gnorm," starring Anthony Michael Hall as a police detective who partners with a lovable gnome who must retrieve the magical stones he has lost. After a few hundred viewings, "Gnorm" began to develop scratchy audio and fading video, so I had no choice but to buy another copy. Had I owned a copy of "Gnorm" on DVD, I would have to live a few hundred years to see its demise.

Wait! Don't rush out and buy a DVD player just yet. We've given you an overview on DVD prices and features, but we're not quite done yet. There are still a couple more steps to discuss, but we're all out of time and space at the moment. Next week, we'll talk about surround-sound setups and which DVD movies to best break in your player with.

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## Grapplers travel to home of Nittany Lions

Melissa Kucirek

UNO packs its gear this weekend and heads to the Cliff Keen/NWCA National Wrestling Duels held in University Park, Pa.

The Mavericks, ranked No. 1 in NCAA Division II, represent the tournament's only NCAA Division II team. Head Coach Mike Denney's crew meets several teams from Division I, II, III and the NAIA in the Jan. 20-21 event.

Brackets were not determined at press time.

Among the Division I competition for the Mavericks is Arizona State, Minnesota, Iowa, Iowa State, Nebraska and host Penn State.

The Hawkeyes bring a No. 2 ranking into the tournament, while the ISU Cyclones are the tournament's defending champions following last year's 17-16 win over No. 3 Minnesota.

Cael Sanderson is ISU Head Coach Bobby Douglas' main threat. Sanderson, a 184-pound senior out of Utah, hasn't lost a match in 100 outings. He is a two-time NCAA champion and

has 32 pins to his credit. In 1999 the Cyclone was named Most Outstanding Wrestler.

Sanderson's teammate Joe Heskett also poses a major threat. The junior 165-pounder is co-captain and two-time All-American.

The ASU Sun Devils nearly converted a neck-to-neck tie through six bouts with No. 6 Oklahoma State recently, but couldn't pull off the win. The Cowboys ended the dual meet 20-12.

Head Coach Lee Roy Smith, in his ninth season, led his ASU squad to a tied 16th-place finish in the NCAA last season. Smith's outstanding wrestler is 165-pounder Steve Blackford. The Des Moines-native is an All-American and the 2000 PAC 10 Wrestler of the Year.

UNO senior Mack LaRock heads into the weekend with a 110-37 career record. The 125-pounder is gunning to move into 10th place on UNO's all-time career wins. Four wins this weekend puts the All-American from Lawton, Okla., in the eighth spot.

## Men's basketball takes confidence on the road

Cory Carlson

UNO, coming off a 'big win' over Wayne State Tuesday and breaking a seven-game slide, travels to Brookings to face South Dakota State on Friday and Sioux Falls to face Augustana on Saturday.

The Jackrabbits are led in scoring by sophomore guard Austin Hansen who is getting 14 points per contest.

No. 16 SDSU is firmly entrenched in fourth place in the NCC and is 13-2 overall including 5-2 in conference play.

The Jackrabbits have the tenth-highest scoring offense in Division II, averaging 92.1 points a game.

Forward Andy Cone leads the Rabbits on the boards swiping 7.3 a game.

Augustana sits just atop the Mavericks in ninth place in the NCC at 1-6, 7-8 overall. The Vikings defeated SDSU for their first conference win Saturday.

Augustana's floor leader is freshman guard Jon Wagner who averages 15.6 points per game. A key substitute is junior guard Cody Levinson, one of five players averaging double figures in points.

Levinson comes off the bench and leads AU in three-pointers (40) with a 46 percent mark behind the arc.

Overall, AU is 17th in the country in three-point shots (made) per contest.

## The Peanut Gallery

- Props to UNO sophomore center **Tanya Hammes** who was named North Central Conference co-player of the week two weeks ago. Hammes paced the Mavs to road wins over Morningside and South Dakota, averaging 21.5 points and 11 rebounds a game.

- Props to UNO senior grappler **Scott Antoniak** who was named NCC co-wrestler of the week for his performance at the Glen Brand Open. Antoniak won the 184-pound championship while posting a perfect 4-0 mark, and was named the event's Outstanding Wrestler.

- Props to freshman center **Andrew Wong** who was named CCHA rookie of the week.

Wong recorded two goals and an assist in UNO's 3-2, 3-2 sweep over Bowling Green last weekend.

- Props to UNO grappler, senior **Ricky Frausto**, who was named NCC Wrestler of the Week. Frausto was 2-0 for the weekend, including a 5-2 win over No. 5 Adam Kramer of Minnesota State-Mankato.

- Props to the UNO women's basketball team which made a school record 13 three-point shots in

the Jan. 6 win over South Dakota.

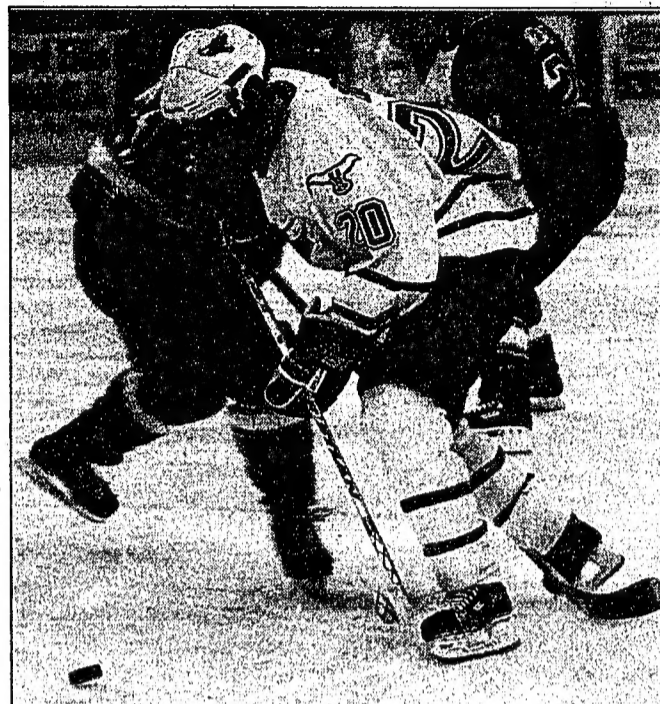
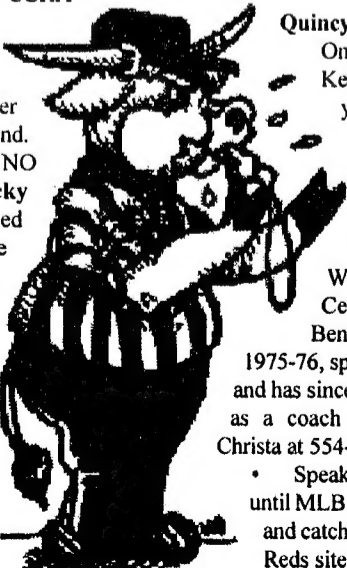
- Props to UNO hockey forward, senior **Jason Cupp**, who was named one of the five finalists for the 2001 College Hockey Humanitarian Award. The winner will be announced April 6 in Albany, NY., during the NCAA Division I Final Four tournament.

- Head Coach **Mike Kemp** announces the addition of former-U.S. Hockey League winger **Jeremiah Johnson** and British Columbia Junior Hockey League winger **Jeff Filewich** to the UNO Mav hockey team. Johnson is a walk-on. Filewich accepted a scholarship offer and will join the squad next year.

- Former UNO wide receiver **Quincy Kenoly** re-signed with the Omaha Beef indoor football club. Kenoly caught 34 passes for 431 yards and eight scores last year.

- Former Atlanta Braves All-Star catcher **Bruce Benedict** will speak at the Diamond Club's Baseball Banquet Feb. 4 at the William Thompson Alumni Center, 66th and Dodge. Benedict, who played at UNO in 1975-76, spent 13 seasons with the Braves and has since been in the Mets organization as a coach and scout. For tickets, call Christa at 554-2305.

- Speaking of baseball, only 25 days until MLB begins spring training. Pitchers and catchers report first to the Cincinnati Reds site Feb. 13.



UNO's Scott Turner is one of several freshmen making an impact on the ice for the Mavs with two goals and seven assists.

photo by Chris Machian

## Hot icemen host NMU Wildcats

Brian Brashaw

The winning streak is the longest of the season. The Maverick hockey team has now won four in a row, including two wins in the Alabama-Huntsville tourney and a sweep of rival Bowling Green. Up next — Northern Michigan comes to town for the first time.

The history behind these two teams favors UNO. Although the NMU Wildcats have not been to Omaha yet, the teams are familiar with each other. The two matched up five times, including a best 2-of-3 playoff series in which UNO came out on top.

This year, the Mavs (13-10-1, 8-7-1 in the CCHA) are faster and just as physical. UNO also has the streak and home-ice advantage on its side.

Northern Michigan (10-6-6, 6-5-5 in the CCHA) took three points from Alaska-

Fairbanks last weekend to pull into the four-way tie for fourth.

What is at stake this weekend?

Both teams are currently tied for fourth in the conference with two other teams. This weekend could mean the difference between hosting a playoff series and having to travel to one. Four points are on the line, and the playoffs aren't far away.

An update on the condition of Maverick center Allan Carr: Carr sustained his third concussion of the year Saturday against Bowling Green. Team trainer Rusty McKune said Carr will be out at least a month. Carr is saying he may just sit until the playoffs. In fact McKune and Carr both are questioning whether Carr is going to be back at all.

This weekend's games both start at 7:05 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium.

## Women's basketball faces tough weekend

Cory Carlson

UNO hopes to continue its rise in the NCC standings after taking three out of the last four contests. The team goes on the road this weekend to face South Dakota State and Augustana.

The Jackrabbits are 10-5 overall, 4-3 in conference play. SDSU is led by senior forward Angie Loken who averages 13.9 points and 7.3 rebounds per game.

As a team, SDSU is averaging 79 points a game and has won six of their last seven.

Augustana is also 10-5 overall, 4-3 in conference play. The Vikings are led on the hardwood by junior guard Tamera Oltmanns who bombs 16.2 points per game. Sophomore forward Charissa Sheppard is the leading go-getter on the glass with 8.1 boards per contest.

Undefeated at home (6-0), the Vikes are coming off a big win over SDSU last Saturday.

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